

**BECOME A LOST ART**

**Letter Writing Has Become a Thing of the Past.**

**UNDECIPHERABLE SCRIBBLES**

As Advised by the Modern City, Who Sends Correspondence Messages on a Postal Card.

The other day a letter came to us from a fine, delicate hand, bearing a man's signature, says the Philadelphia Times. Very much surprised, we exclaimed: "Why, it looks more like a woman's writing."

"Indeed so," answered a man standing by. "The handwriting of the fashionable woman is not of that delicate order, but is a coarse, big, ugly and somewhat almost undecipherable."

We give the creature a withering look, but in our heart we know that he speaks the truth, as a dozen or more notes from women and girls truly testify. It wouldn't be so bad if the dictation were more elegant than the writing, but it would be regretful that the letter of today is not the perfect piece of



to be washed, because it gives the cloth a dull, dead look. If a brush is used it should be a soft one, but it is better not to use any, except in case when the oilcloth has been long neglected or poorly washed for many days previously. Take a clean flannel, cloth and apply clean warm water, which is ready to be removed by wringing it up into the house-flannel again after it has been wrung out. The cloth is then wiped dry with another piece of clean flannel.

After the oilcloth has become thoroughly dry apply to it some warm linseed oil. The housekeeper who tries this for the first time will probably use too much and make the cloth so sticky that every particle of dust will adhere to it. Only a very little is to be used and slightly rubbed into the cloth, giving it a handsome gloss. Skinned mutton is sometimes used in place of oil and gives the cloth a beautiful gloss.

The frequent washing, no matter how well it is done, will not improve oilcloth in the end. Usually this is the kind of treatment it receives, for few housewives seem to realize the difference between dusty oilcloths and a dirty one, and treat both the same. After it has had a thorough sweeping if it looks dull and dirty go over it a little at a time with a dry, damp cloth, and it will look as bright as though washed and will wear a great deal longer.

**House Decorations.**

Of course there are houses, quaint old-time ones, where the pictures hang in the same spots on the walls from year to year and where the heavy furniture wears indentations in the flooring, so long has it stood in the same place. To the owners of such homes

Never paint.

JAMES PETER H.N.

**J. H. MCKEE & SON**  
Real Estate Office 12 Monroe Street.

**SPECIAL OFFERS!****ONE MONTH ONLY.**

\$500 EACH for two small houses and lots; monthly payment.

\$300 EACH—Yours choice from twenty lots. Will help party to build.

\$400 up to \$200—Yours lots, on \$400, monthly payments if desired.

Fine Michigan farm, 200 acres, for sale or trade. Rents for \$70 per year.

**REAL ESTATE****FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE**

500 choice fruit, vine and grain farms. 150 fine houses, mostly good, for sale; also city acre property, business blocks, garden lands, pine lands, California ranges, etc. Loans made on real estate, personalty guaranteed.

Peter H. McKee,  
10 Canal street, room 15.

**MUST BE SOLD.**

On account of the death of owner.

A splendid steam full roller pressing mill; capacity 125 barrels per 24 hours; in excellent condition; managing profitably now. Paid well per cent.; 30% of value paid in advance.

From Detroit originally \$20,000; will sell at great sacrifice; rare chance. Hurstville, 116 Bush block, Detroit.

**Who Wants**

To buy a nice little home and lot in Hutchinson, Kansas; residential location; and the cost of moving, \$1,000. Write to C. Williams, Herald office.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders, of the president and directors of the Grand Rapids Hydraulic Company, will be held at the office of the company, No. 12 Canal street, in the city of Grand Rapids, state of Michigan, on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Frank E. Morris, Secretary.

Dated April 26th, 1900.

**LEGAL.**

**PROBATE ORDER.**—State of Michigan, County of Kent, etc.:—Notice is hereby given that, by an order of the probate court of the county of Kent, made on the 18th day of April, 1900, it was ordered in the forenoon at said probate office, by appointed for hearing said position.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published once weekly in the Grand Rapids Herald, a daily newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent.

MARY S. FULLER, deceased.

John G. Shadrack, having filed in this court her petition, praying that the administration of said estate may be granted to herself.

It is ordered that Friday, the 26th day of April, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said probate office, by appointed for hearing said position.

It is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published once weekly in the Grand Rapids Herald, a daily newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Kent.

CYRUS E. PERKINS, Judge of Probate.

HARRY D. JEWELL, Register.

to May 9.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**—State of Michigan, County of Kent, etc.:—Notice is hereby given that, by an order of the probate court of the county of Kent, made on the 20th day of March, 1900, six months from that date that debts allowed by the creditors to present their claims against the estate of

MARTIN PETERSEN.

late of said deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said probate court, at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, for examination and allowance, on or before the 16th day of October next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Friday, Oct. 12, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Frank E. Perkins, Judge of Probate.

1900 E. Perkins, Judge of Probate.

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LAWRENCE L. GREENSON.

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Frank E. Perkins, Judge of Probate.

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**PROBATE ORDER.**—State of Michigan, County of Kent, etc.:—At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Kent, held at the Probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, on the 26th day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

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